GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:273
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2003
COMMITTEE ON BUFFER STOCKING NORMS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;NIVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a 5th technical group for recommending the buffer stocking norms for the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition of the Group;

(c) whether the Group has submitted its reports to the Government;

(d) if so, the details of main recommendations made by the Group;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the buffer stock policy keeping in view the above recommendations;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the criteria followed for allocation of buffer stock of foodgrains/sugar to States under different schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 273 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19-12-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b):Yes, Sir. To recommend Buffer Stocking Policy of foodgrains for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), Fifth Technical Group on Buffer Stocking Policy was constituted on 19.3.2001 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution. The Composition of the Group is at Annexure.

(c),(d),(e)&(f):The Buffer Stocking Policy for Tenth Plan is under consideration of the Government in the light of the recommendations of the 5th Technical Group.

(g):The Buffer Norms are finalized for the country as a whole and not Statewise/Schemewise.
ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 273 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19-12-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.
COMPOSITION OF THE 5th TECHNIAL GROUP TO RECOMMEND THE BUFFER STOCKING POLICY OF FOODGRAINS FOR THE 10TH FIVE YEAR PLAN (2002-2007)

1.Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution Chairman

2.Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Department of Food & Public Distribution Member

3.Joint Secretary (Policy), Department of Food & Public Distribution Member

4.Managing Director, Food Corporation Of India Member

5.An Officer not below the rank of Additional Secretary

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation Member

6.An Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary/Economic Advisor, Planning Commission
Member

7Economic Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs,Ministry of Finance Member

8.Economic & Statistical Advisor, Dte. Of Economic & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture Member

9.A representative from RBI Member

10.Economic Advisor, Department of Consumer Affairs,
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Member

11.Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution Member Secretary

Co-opted Members

1.Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of Punjab

2.Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

3.Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of West Bengal

4.Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of Assam

5.Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of Maharashtra

6.Prof. Prem S. Vashishtha, Director, Agriultural Economics Research Centre, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

7Dr. Kirit Parikh, Professor Emeritus, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development & Research, General Vaidya Marg, Mumbai.

8.Dr. Bhalchandra L. Mungekar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay, Vidhya Nagar, Bombay-100098.

9.Prof. Abhijit Sen, Centre for Economics & Planning, Social Science Building, JNU, New Delhi.

10.A representative from Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi (to be nominated).